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| For            | <b>:</b> | ACTUATION DEVICE , ESPECIALLY ON A RAPID- ACTION RECEPTION COUPLING | ) |   |
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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above referenced application as follows:

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel Claims 1 through 14 without prejudice.

Please add the following new Claims.

15. (New) An actuation device for a rapid-action reception coupling for transferring

fluids, the device comprising:

a tubular housing;

a slide mounted so as to be displaceable relative the housing;

a sliding ring mounted so as to be displaceable relative the housing;